

Public Power Contract Lock Issues

Essential Characteristics of NT Service

1. Provides cost based transmission service to Network load only (no off system or surplus sales)
2. Firm transmission service integrates multiple Network Resources to actual Network Load at multiple PODs
3. Ability to schedule the federal power system (FCRPS) as a “system” POR
4. Single contract may serve several utilities
5. TCH can be an Eligible Customer or Designated Agent that has responsibility for serving Network Load
6. Regarding accepted Network Resource (or substitute economy purchases subject to section 28.4 of the tariff), and limited by Network Load and total interface capacity, there shall be no limitation on a Network Customer's use of the Transmission Provider's Transmission System at any particular interface to integrate the Network Customer's Network Resources (or substitute economy purchases subject to section 28.4) with its Network Loads (intent of section 30.8)
7. Billing demand is the Transmission Contract Holder's (TCH's) monthly coincident peak Network Load (internal to the TCH) less any Customer Served Load
8. Ability to schedule and transmit Network Resources up to forecasted Network Load without reservation in preschedule and real-time
9. Ability to schedule to a Transmission Contract Holder's (TCH's) total load in the TP's control area instead of scheduling to each POD
10. NT service includes service to NT customers' load growth
11. Transmission Provider plans, constructs, operates and maintains a reliable transmission system for NT service. In lieu of building facilities, Transmission Provider may arrange for transfer service (GTA) to provide service to Network Customer loads that is comparable to service provided off Transmission Provider's grid.
12. Provides for ability to delete Network Resources and PODs; provides for addition of Network Resources and PODs based on availability, or using the “or pricing test if construction is needed
13. Provides ability to use non-Network Resources at no additional charge on an as-available basis with a higher curtailment priority than PTP nonfirm
14. Provides for redispatch of Network resources
15. Curtailments to transmission service are made pursuant to PTP and NT curtailment priorities on a non-discriminatory basis
16. Rights to change pre-schedules up to shortly before active hour
17. All current ancillary services and control area services continue to be offered by Transmission provider at cost-based rates
18. Customers can self-supply energy imbalance and change self-supply amounts up to shortly before the active hour in order to manage load swings in real time
19. Customer can self-supply other ancillary services
20. Customer can self-supply losses

21. Provides rollover rights with respect to the current Transmission Provider which can be exercised prior to each contract termination.
22. Transmission Service is provided all the way to preference customer loads at a rolled-in rate even when Transmission Provider uses third party transfer service in lieu of building facilities (GTA costs are rolled-in)
23. Customer Served Load treatment is available to qualified resources (including purchases)
24. No involuntary redispatch of non-federal Network Resources

Essential Characteristics of PTP Service

1. Provides cost-based long-term firm service between designated PORs and PODs up to contract demand
2. Customers may change PORs and PODs on a non-firm or firm basis as available
3. Customers may assign firm PTP service to others
4. Customers may sell or trade firm PTP capacity not used by customer
5. Rights to integrate and withdraw specific amounts of power at applicable PORs and PODs
6. Curtailments to transmission service are made pursuant to PTP and NT curtailment priorities on a non-discriminatory basis
7. Firm Redirect for up to 365 days
8. Ability to use up to long-term contract demand without additional reservation procedures in preschedule and real-time
9. Ability to use contiguous POD
10. All current ancillary services and control area services continue to be offered by Transmission provider at cost-based rates
11. Customers can self-supply energy imbalance and change self-supply amounts up to shortly before the active hour in order to manage load swings in real time
12. Customer can self-supply other ancillary services
13. Customer can self-supply losses
14. Customers may utilize dynamic scheduling
15. Non-firm use of capacity up to contract demand is sheltered from any additional capacity charges
16. Retain current options for payment of transmission losses
17. Rights to change pre-schedules up to shortly before active hour
18. Provides roll-over rights with respect to the current Transmission Provider which can be exercised prior to each contract termination
19. Ability to schedule the federal power system (FCRPS) as a “system” POR
20. Control of own (non-federal) resources without involuntary redispatch by the Transmission Provider
21. Ability of customer to request increases in PTP transmission demand on an as-available basis or through construction of facilities

Other Essential Characteristics

1. Cost-based rates for both transmission service, transmission load shaping, ancillary services, and control area services
2. Rolled-in treatment of transmission system and congestion management costs
3. Rolled-in treatment of GTA or GTA replacement costs into a BPA TBL or PBL general revenue requirement
4. Non-converted Network and Point to Point Customers pay the BPA NT and PTP rates, respectively, in an RTO West environment
5. Generation Imbalance service is made available by the transmission provider.